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1. ABOVE SUBJECT CONTINUES TO DOMINATE LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE OF PINDLING'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS BOTH FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBDES. SCHWARTZ AND WITH ME AND FROM HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS SINCE HIS RETURN TO NASSAU THAT HE EXPECTS FAVORABLE ACTION ON OUR PART IN SECURING HIS OBJECTIVE.

2. FOLLOWING ARTICLE CAPTIONED "CARTER SYMPATHETIC" IS LATEST (TRIBUNE SEPT 15) REPORT ON SUBJECT. QTE

"PRIME MINISTER PINDLING SAID PRESIDENT CARTER IS "SYMPATHETIC" TO THE BAHAMAS' POSITION IN SEEKING A SECOND AIR CARRIER TO REPLACE PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS ON THE NEW YORK-NASSAU RUN.

"SEEKING US APPROVAL OF A SECOND AIRLINE FROM NEW YORK WAS ONE OF SIX MAIN TOPICS DISCUSSED BY THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER DURING A PRIVATE MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE LAST FRIDAY.
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ZAT YESTERDAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE MR. PINDLING SAID NEW ADDITIONAL ROUTES TO THE BAHAMAS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED "WHICH ARE TO BE THE SUBJECT OF FORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES ON THE US-BAHAMAS AIR AGREEMENT."

"HE SAID THE BAHAMAS WAS INTERESTED IN SERVING ATLANTA, TAMPA,

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DALLAS, HOUSTON, CHICAGO, DETROIT AND THE PITTSBURG AND PHILADELPHIA AREAS.

"MR. PINDLING DISCLOSED THAT SIX US CARRIERS HAVE APPLIED FOR VARIOUS RIGHTS TO OPERATE TO THE BAHAMAS FROM THE NORTH-EAST, SOUTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST UNITED STATES AND "ALL THESE NEW APPLICATIONS ARE PENDING BEFORE THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD."

"IT WAS SUGGESTED BY THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF THAT PERHAPS DELTA (WHICH PRESENTLY HAS DIRECT FLIGHTS TO NEW YORK) "COULD SIMPLY INCREASE ITS EQUIPMENT" ON THE NEW YORK RUN. "WE POINTED OUT THAT LTHOUGH DELATA WAS FLYING ADDITIONAL SECTIONS ON THAT ROUTE, OUR INFORMATION WAS THAT TOURISTS BEING LEFT ON THE GROUND (IN NEW YORK) AND PERSONS WHO WISHED TO TRAVEL AT ANOTHER TIME COULD GET NO DIRECT SERVICE ... AND WE BELIEVED WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS A DIFFERENT CARRIER LEAVING NEW YORK AT A DIFFERENT TIME." THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

"MR. PINDLING ALSO SAID IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THIS HAD HAPPENED BECAUSE PAN AMERICAN WITHDREW FROM THE ROUTE BUT "WITHDREW BY SUSPENSION" SO THAT TECHNICALLY IT WAS STILL ON THE RUN.

"WHAT WE'RE SEEKING IS A SUBSTITUTE ON THAT RUN RATHER THAN GIVING THE ROUTE OUTRIGHT TO ANOTHER CARRIER," SAID MR.
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PINDLING.

"IT IS OBVIOUS AN EXTRA AIR SERVICE FROM NEW YORK WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL TO THE BAHAMAS, A TOURISM SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY. UNQTE

3. IN LIGHT OF PRIME MINISTER'S STRONG AND PUBLIC INTEREST THIS ISSUE AND GIVEN HIS IMPRESSION OF PRESIDENTIAL SYMPATHY, DEPT REQUESTED TO PROVIDE US AN UPDATE OF REFTEL TOGETHER WITH ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING ADDITIONAL CARRIERS ON NY-NASSAU RUN.
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